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Book theft on the rise

Library responds to vandalism

BY JOSH SKAPIN Didsbury Review

Over the past week, multiple books from the Didsbury Municipal Library have been stolen, destroyed, and left in

various locations around town.

Librarian Inez Kosinski says in many cases the library was unaware that the books were missing, but when a member of the public would find and return the book's

jacket, they would scan its bar code and determine that the book was still checked in.

"We didn't just feel angry, we felt really sad," she said.
"We feel the loss for those wanting to use the library."

"Our dilemma is, do we spend the money to replace these titles which are quite popular, or do we use that money to say 'okay, we don't have those anymore' and just buy something new. If we spend the money on replacing them, we have that much less to spend on new books."

INEZ KOSINSKI

Kosinski says most of the books are new and aimed at the young adult demographic.

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or do we use that money to say 'ok, we don't have those anymore' and just buy something new," she said.

"If we spend the money on replacing them, we have that much less to spend on new books." Kosinski says she is aware of eight books that have been stolen and damaged over the past week, with an average

cost of \$25 a book The only other way the library is able to determine if other books have been stolen would be to do a complete

inventory, which Kosinski says is done on a regular basis, but is not due for at least six months. However, in light of the recent thefts, she says they are

looking at scheduling an earlier check. Enhancing security measures is something the library has investigated, but says is out of its price range.

"The minimum cost to install a security system is about \$30,000, which is about double our normal budget in its entirety," she said.

"Security measures are used in larger libraries and academic libraries but it's just not feasible in a smaller library

The Didsbury Municipal Library is celebrating its cen-



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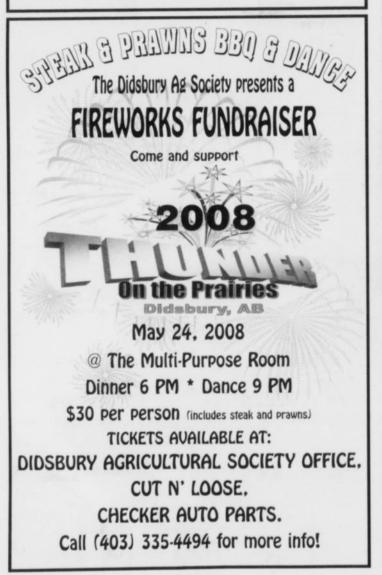
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Town sets 2008 mill rate

BY JOSH SKAPIN

Didsbury Review

Didsbury Town Council gave all three readings to the 2008 tax mill rate bylaw during its meeting May 13.

According to the bylaw, the rate for residential property has been set at 6.8400, with non-residential at

8.0000, residential vacant at 6.8400, and non-residential vacant being 25,0000.

On a property assessed at \$250,000, which is the average assessed value of Didsbury homes in 2008, taxes are split at: \$1,710 for municipal taxes, and \$20.43 for the Mountain View Senior's Housing

Diann Rowat

Requisition for a total of

approved a budget that Council municipal resulted in an eight per cent increase from 2007, last

"I know council was hesitant to look at anything too major," said Mayor Brian who adds, the approach included consideration of a recent rejected bid for provincial and federal funding of town projects.

Wittal says another factor was the cost of goods for the municipality, which he says was upped by approximately 10 per cent over the past year.

"The cost of things like concrete and asphalt was higher than what you would call cost of living for regular consumers," he said.

To that end, the annual municipal budget's eight per cent jump, Wittal says does-n't allow the town to completely cover the total increase in value for goods.

"Hopefully come down this year," he

"It seems that things have sort of leveled off, like everything else.

We certainly felt with what we needed to do to move forward, especially with development opportunity is there now, and we need to address those situations, so should be sooner than later'

Council sets the tax mill rate after the provincial budget is announced and after the town approves its annual municipal budget. A tax mill rate bylaw is required by the Municipal Government Act. The town mailed its assessment notices of the new bylaw to Didsbury residents last

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Province funds new police positions

Didsbury RCMP hoping for help

BY JOSH SKAPIN Didsbury Review

The provincial government announced a plan to fund 100 new RCMP officers per year over the next three years, earlier this month.

Like other detachments serving rapidly growing populations, Didsbury RCMP has expressed interest in receiving additional staffing.

The province gives much money for policing positions and what happens is, district officers have to look at it and decide where are the biggest pressure points, and that's where the have to fill," said Sgt. Kevin O'Dwyer

"They look at the pres-

sure points, and say 'ok, we're getting X number of bodies, where are these bodies going to help us out the most? That's a pretty big decision that they have to make in Edmonton."

Didsbury Both Carstairs are expected to meet contract status by 2009, with Didsbury fore casted to surpass a population of 5,000 in 2008, and Carstairs expected to

hit that mark the year after.

"We're under the gun too," he said.

.Where they will go, that will be up to manage-

place "Every extra bodies, and we're competing for those recruits just like Calgary City Police and Edmonton City Police, and Alberta Sheriffs. There is only a certain pool of people

We are now accepting

orders for all your

that want to chose law enforcement for a career, and everyone is fighting for those bodies," he said.

Presently, the Didsbury RCMP employs 11 members and serves Didsbury, Carstairs, Cremona, Water and portions of Mountain View County.

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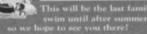
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Editorial

Pine beetle battle must be one

BY DAN SINGLETON Didsbury Review

In light of the utter devastation caused in British Columbia by the mountain pine beetle (MPB), including the utter economic ruin of some forestry-based towns, it is vital that government and industry representatives do all they can to prevent a similar disaster in Alberta.

The Stelmach government recently announced that it is directing \$55.2 million for proactive action aimed at preventing pine beetle infestations in Alberta.

"This funding gives us the resources we need to continue our fight against this threat to our forests," said Sustainable Resource Development Minister Ted Morton. "The time to attack the beetle is now, when we have the greatest potential for success in managing mountain pine beetle populations.

At least six million hectares of pine forest in Alberta, representing about 15 per cent of the province's total forest, are at risk of MPB.

The \$55 million in new funding will be used for control measures to remove at-risk trees and to continue surveys to detect infestations. It will also provide funding for control work undertaken by municipalities in affected areas.

Sundre Forest Products, the largest forestry employer in west central Alberta, has been taking proactive measures to meet the potential MPB threat.

For example, the company has increased the harvest of pine in the southwest portion of its forest management area in hope of denying the beetles a food source should the pests move northeast out of the already-infested Bow Corridor.

"The intent is to try and get at the food source quicker," says SFP forestry superintendent Tom Daniels. "They (MPB) like pine and 70 per cent of the forest west of us is pine."

With MPB infestations now only 50 kilometres from SFP's forest management area, proactive measures like the ones now underway should be applauded by everyone.

While industry and the province are taking an active role in the MPB fight, residents can and must also play a role.

With the next flight of MPB expected in July, visitors to the west country this summer should make themselves aware of the signs of pine beetle infestations, including the appearance of bore holes and the reddening of pine needles

With every infested tree capable of infesting 10 more trees, prompt public reporting of possible infestations could do a world of good.

The MPB battle in B.C. is now over and the next battleground will be right in west central Alberta.

And make no mistake, at stake in this new campaign is nothing less than the sustainability of forest communities in west central Alberta, as well as the survival of crucial wildlife habitat, watersheds, recreational areas, and tourism.

pinion



Commentary From the Mayor's chair



BRIAN WITTAL

I want to take this opportunity to touch on some of the things that are happening Didsbury, or will be over the next

little while

As most will know by now the town is agreed to purchase the old high thool site from Chinook's Edge School Division.

Council will be having discussions the end of May about what it is would like to see developed on this property. Council will also have discusns about other town properties and facilities and what needs to be done to meet the future growth needs of Didsbury.

Growth is and will happen and we are trying to look and plan ahead to manage it instead of reacting to it after

From a utilities perspective the town is involved in long-range regional waste treatment facilities planning initiatives to see if there are better ways of providing sewer services on a regional basis with a larger centralized facility. The town is currently working with our engineers looking at all possible options for the future from an environ-

mental and economic perspective.

As for water the Mountain View Regional Water Commission is currently looking at plans to twin the water pipeline to supply all of the towns from Innisfail to Crossfield so that we can accommodate the future growth needs within the region.

For garbage and compost, this has been a phased in process over the past three years throughout the region and

each town is moving forward at its own pace to try to encourage reduction of waste through recycling. Didsbury has now stepped up our program to include enforcement of the town policy that has always been in place. The reason for this is to continue to promote and persuade residents to reduce the volume of garbage by composting and recycling more.

The garbage program is based on all residents paying an equal share of the cost for the service and with that you get (1) black and (1) green bin that will be picked up by-weekly in rotation. If you produce more garbage than can go into the bin in two weeks it is Council's belief that you should be paying more for a second bin as you are adding more to the landfill than other residents

The issue we had three weeks ago with bins being tagged was due to the fact that the pickup calendar printed was incorrect, so tags were put on bins in an effort to inform residents that it was the wrong bin and a town error. There was ever the intent to charge anyone. In reflection we could have used a

different tag that didn't make residents think they were going to be fined but we had very little time to react to the situation when it was realized.

Errors do happen but we are trying

hard to ensure they won't happen

A recent study of 31 countries on environmental impact ranked Canada the 2nd worst only behind the US. The main reasons were the large houses we live in and the waste of energy we consume along with the vehicles we drive and the excess use of water and the poor effort that is put into recycling of vaste and garbage

We need to get serious about our impact on the environment and our efforts to reduce our environmental

On a more local level, within the region Didsbury has the second highest per capita rate of waste sent to the dump at 252 kg/ year while the area average is at 218 kg/yr. We need to get serious about reducing our impact on the dump and the environment.

So council will not apologize for trying to put forward a plan that includes fines to encourage residents to reduce their impact on the environment and reduce the amount of garbage we put in our landfills.

We have infrastructure issues that need to be addressed due to age and growth and council has a 10 year plan to replace it all based on current fund-ing from the provincial and federal governments and hopefully without having to increase taxes the next few years beyond the cost of living. The new growth we are expecting will help to pay for a good portion of this renewal and upgrading plan.
Didsbury is going to grow and your

council is responsible to bring forward policies that will address growth issues and promote sustainable and responsible use of our resources and facilities

We are going to see a number of new residential growth areas within Didsbury as well as new business and commercial opportunities start this year so we need to be planning ahead.

Council will be holding an open house at the 5-0 club June 17 at 7 p.m.

Residents are invited to come and hear about some of the projects that are happening and the direction that Council is going with planning for the future.

Council is trying to position Didsbury for the future and we need your ideas to help us do that. Please come out on June 17 and help us build that future

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PUBLIC MEETINGS & NOTICES

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS:

DATE CHANGE: Tuesday June 10, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. Council Chambers

MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

2008 and June 18, 2008 at 4:30 p.m. in Council Chambers

DIDSBURY LIFELINE SOCIETY:

Monday June 9, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Council Chambers

The Town Office will be closed the second Friday of every month from Noon to 1:00 pm (June 13, 2008)

NEW DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

THE FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENT PERMITS HAVE BEEN ISSUED FOR THE FOLLOWING PROPOSED DEVELOPMENTS:

1501-20 Avenue DP 43-08 Sign Accessory Building with condition and waiver 2114-17 Avenue

Further information may be obtained at the Town Office, 2037 - 19 Avenue or by calling 335-3391. Person(s) wishing to appeal any of these decisions must do so in writing, with the appropriate fees, to the Secretary, Development Appeal Board, prior to 4:30 p.m. on June 3, 2008.

Robert Wigg. Development Office

The Town of Didsbury, on behalf of **CDC** Consultants, invites citizens of Didsbury and the surrounding area to attend a

PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURE FOCUS GROUP

On Wednesday, May 21st in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Memorial Complex. 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Rollout Cart Schedule May 2008

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Town of Didsbury Summer Employment Opportunity Summer Fun Leader - 2 full-time positions

Position Start Date: June 27, 2008
Position End Date: August 26, 2008
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AMENDMENT TO THE TOWN OF DIDSBURY RATE AND FEE BYLAW 05-12

The Town of Didsbury Council approved the amendments to the Rate and Fee Bylaw at the May 13, 2008 Regular Council Meeting.

All amended rates and fees will become effective June 1, 2008 with the exception of some Recreation fee changes which will become effective July 1, 2008, as noted in the Bylaw

If you wish to view the approved Amended Rate and Fee Bylaw 05-12, please visit the Town of Didsbury Website: www.didsbury.ca or stop by the Town of Didsbury Administration Office.

PUBLIC NOTICE TO ELECTORS OF THE TOWN of DIDSBURY, PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

SECTION 258 - THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT ACT

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Town of Didsbury in the Province of Alberta, has given first reading to borrowing By-law No. 2008-09 which will, upon final passage and approval, authorize the proper officers of the said Town of Didsbury to borrow monies from the Alberta Capital Finance Authority by way of debenture issue or loan to pay for the cost of the following municipal purpose(s), namely financing, undertaking and completion of the following capital projects:

- North Industrial Stormwater and Paving Project \$1,200,000

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 Public Works Maintenance Projects Large one time \$255,000
 Facilities Maintenance Projects Large one time \$250,000
 Parking lot at Train Station Project \$3,000
 Memorial Recreation Centre SW Parking Lot Project \$23,000
 Memorial Park Project Completion \$85,000within the limits of the said municipality; The total cost of the aforesaid capital projects amount to \$1,896,000. The amount to be borrowed on the

The total cost of the aloresaid capital projects amount to \$1,896,000. The amount to be borrowed on to credit and security of the municipality at large by the issue of debentures is \$1,896,000. The debenture or loan in the amount of \$1,896,000 is to be repayable to the Alberta Capital Financ Authority in Twenty (20) equal consecutive semi annual installments of combined principal and interes the semi annual interest not to exceed Ten per centum (10%), or the interest rate as fixed from time to time. y the Alberta Capital Finance Authority

NOW THEREFORE NOTICE is hereby given by the Council of the Town of Didsbury that, unless a petition of the electors for a vote on By-law No. 2008-09 is demanded, as provided for by the terms of Section 231 of the Municipal Government Act, the said Council may pass the said borrowing by-law.

All persons interested are hereby notified and they are required to govern themselves accordingly. DATED at the Town of Didsbury, in the Province of Alberta, this 13th day of May, 2008

INFORMATION FOR ELECTORS

uant to Section 1(i) of the Municipal Government Act an "elector" means: rson who is eligible to vote in the election for a councilor under the Local Authorities Election Act. uant to section 47(1) of the Local Authorities Election Act a person is eligible to vote in an election

- is a Canadian citizen, and has resided in Alberta for the 6 consec is resident in the area on election day. utive months immediately preceding election day and

A poll may be demanded in the Town of Didsbury by electors equal in number to at least: in the case of a municipality other than a summer village, by electors of the municipality equal in number to at least 10% of the population and in the case of a summer village, by 10% of the electors of the summer village in accordance with the provisions of section 223 of the Municipal Government Act and in accordance with the provisions of section 258 of the Municipal Government Act.

The petition for a vote must be received by the Chief Administrative Officer within 15 days of the last publication of this notice and shall contain on each page "an accurate and identical statement of the purpose of the petition". (Further requirements of the petition are provided in section 224 of the Municipal

DATE of the last publication of this notice is the 27th, day of May, 2008



TRAILER PARKING

Well, the days are o longer and the weather is getting nicer! That

means camping season is here! I just want to remind everyone that their trailers and boats cannot be left on the street unattached to a vehicle. The complaints have already started rolling in and wanted to let everyone know that trailers on the street decrease site lines at intersections and narrow our streets. So please be courteous to your neighbors and find off street parking for your trailer when not in use. It is acceptable to load your trailer while parked on the street attached to a vehicle but please try and limit the time that it is there. Have an excellent and safe camping season

Derek Sutherland, Peace Officer



2008 PROPERTY ASSESSMENT & TAXATION NOTICES

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The large green grass bin which was located at the Recycling Centre on 19th Street has been removed in conjunction with the Green Rollout Compost Cart Program. Residents who wish to disperse of extra compost materials such as grass clippings, leaves and small branches should take them to the Didsbury Landfill Site. A small fee of 3.5¢/kg will be charged.

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An important message about Alberta's health system

An open letter to Albertans

Dear Albertans,

May 15, 2008

I released a health action plan last month that outlined our goal to improve access to health services in Alberta and to make the province's health-care system more efficient and effective. A key part of that plan was to establish a new health system governance model.

The members of Alberta's nine regional health authority boards, the Alberta Cancer Board, the Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission and the Alberta Mental Health Board have been replaced by a single provincial health services board effective May 15, 2008.

Three advisory councils will be created to advise and report to the Alberta Health Services Board on cancer research, addictions services and mental health services.

I thank all board members for their dedication and leadership in improving Alberta's health system through the years.

All health care services will continue being there when and where you need it. Front-line health staff will be unaffected. You should continue accessing the same health services in your communities and continue calling the Health Link lines.

This change is about streamlining governance of the public system in order to improve services and the delivery of quality health care.

This decision will help us build an integrated publicly-funded health system that will improve equitable access for all Albertans and ensure sustainability in the years to come. The change will create an efficient governance structure for a flexible and responsive health system of the 21st century.

Our goal is to better meet your health-care needs today and into the future. I assure you I am taking steps to do just that.

Yours truly,

RON LIEPERT, MINISTER ALBERTA HEALTH AND WELLNESS

ALBERTA'S ACTION PLAN to build a better health care system

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- · Manage health services to better meet patient needs; and
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AAS will spend 20 hours per week patrolling the streets for strays, at a monthly cost of \$4,400.



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"If not, they will be taken to the Red Deer facility where they will be kenneled, and either be located by their owner, adopted, or euthanized unfortunately."

Previously, stray animals were lodged at mals were lodged at Krebs Vet Clinic in town. "The problem is there,

he is quite busy and with a shortage of staff, it's very inconvenient for someone to go in (after hours) to give them the proper care that they need," said Wittal.

Town administration notes that service that now requires residents to travel to Red Deer to collect their pet, may encourage more responsible animal ownership.

The contract between AAS and the town is for four years

Chamber Chat: Thanks Greg!

There are so many people in Didsbury who go out of their way to volunteer their time for various projects. They invest in their community and inspire others through their volunteer work. The Chamber of Commerce acknowledges Greg Poirier as one of Didsbury's community leaders and congratulate him on his nomination as Didsbury's Outstanding Volunteer.

Greg has been an active member of the Didsbury community for many years most noticeably with the Chamber of Commerce. recent years he has co-chaired one of the biggest events in town, the annual Trade Show. He currently serves as the Vice-President of the Chamber, and is the Chamber's rep on Didsbury's Show & Shine committee. As if that wasn't enough, he also chairs the Chamber's Pancake Breakfast held dur-Chamber's

ing the Fair & Rodeo!
"Greg is always willing to step up to the plate and take on a job," says President Margo Ward, "whether it is hanging signs or setting up chairs for the Gala, serving as security and greeter at election forums, or distributing posters to businesses around town."

Like so many volunteers in town, Greg is not in it for the glory, but for the betterment of our community.

Adds Ward, "Greg is the kind of volunteer you tend to take advantage of, because 'he's always there'." The Chamber is very lucky to have Greg Poirier as an essential member of their team, and Didsbury is very lucky to have him as one of the town's outstanding volunteers.

For more information on the Chamber of Commerce, call Tammy at the Chamber office, 335-3265 or send an email to info@didsburychamber.ca. Check us out on the web at www.didsburychamber.ca.

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DOUBLE DRAGON -

Deanna Stewart applies the breaks after passing the baton to teammate Kirsten Kurtz in the 4x100m relay at the county track and field meet in Sundre Tuesday. The Dragons finished first and will go on to the zone meet in Calgary this week. (Inset) Kyle Gebers of Didsbury High loses his sunglasses on his long jump landing.

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ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS Meetings Fridays 8:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, Didsbury, 21 Ave. and 21 St. For information call Colleen at 335-8484 or Rick at 335-9525.

CREMONA COUNTRY FELLOWSHIP is hosting VBS on August 20-24, 9 a.m. -12 p.m. The theme is Big Fish and there will be Bible stories, games, snacks and crafts. Contact 637-3878 for more information.

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DIDSBURY & DISTRICT HEALTH SERVICES

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20-21 You ARE INVITED to join the Friends of the Library Society at the Didsbury Library on May 21 at 7 p.m. We will be enjoying strawberry shortcake together and offering the opportunity to learn more about our society. We are looking for additional board members and volunteers and we may be just what you are looking for as a way to help your community. For info Marge at 335-2201.

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The family of Lorne Miller would like to thank everyone that sent cards and flowers, that phoned, and brought over food during the past few weeks. Your kindness and thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated

As well we would like to thank the Olds Hospital staff for the care they gave Lorne over the last couple of years. We would also like to thank Diann from Personal Alternatives Funeral Services for her compassion and professionalism during this difficult time

> Helen Miller, Alan, Shawna, Cody & Blake Miller and Janice Miller



The Miller family would like to express ere appreciation for the expression of sympathy ugh prayer, words of comfort, trays of food, cards, all tributes and memorial donations upon the passof husband, father, grandfather and friend, Lorne er, Olds, Alberra.

Words cannot begin to express our appreciation for the compassion and care exhibited by doctors and

ne compassion and care extensions aff at the Olds Hospital.

pecial thanks to Rev. Richard Pahl and ladies of the ion Evangelical Missionary Church, Didsbury, ersonal Alternative Funeral Services in charge.



Alan, Shawna, Cody and Blake -Helen



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ommunity who have supported Scott Brander over the last two years. There are not enough words to express our

There are not enough words to express our gratitude towards each and everyone of you. For every phone call, card, meal, helping hand and heartfelt embrace, please know that we are truly grateful.

We have always known how special Scott was, but it was truly overwhelming to see how many of you felt this too and showed it by joining us in celebrating Scott's life. To each of you who have been part of his life, shared in his laughter, supported him in his light and now share in our tears, please know that we take comfort in the fact that he touched so many of you.

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We would also like to acknowledge Gord Fulton of Victoria's Flowers for the beautiful arrangements and Tom Peters from muan View Funeral Chapels for his profession Jack, Debbie, Chad,

Nicole and Nathan Brander and Kim Dampie



PETER JOHN REED

Peter John Reed passed away peacefully at his home in Olds on May 13th 2008 at the age of on May 13th 2008 at the age of 71 years. Peter was born in Devon, England and was an Elementary School Teacher for many years before immigrating to Canada with his wife, Jennifer in 1990. For the last 18 years they resided on an acreage Southwest of Olds and he had been an acreage Southwest

active participant at many local Farmers Markets within the community as Rosebud Creek Herbs. He moved to Olds in the Fall of 2007 after being diagnosed with Cancer. Peter is survived by his wife of 50 years, Jennifer Reed of Olds, son David Reed of Cornwall, England and daughter Mairi deLeon of Calgary. In keeping with Peter's wishes a gathering will be held on Sunday May 25th 2008. Please stop by between 3:00pm-7:00pm to share memories of Peter with his wife. 7:00pm to share memories of Peter with his wife, daughter and other friends. Call 403-556-1392 for location details. In lieu of flowers the family would appreciate donations in Peter's name to be sent to Olds Hospital - Palliative Care Unit. Cremation entrusted to Mountain View Funeral Chapels, Olds. Phone 556-3223. Proudly serving our community for over 45 years.



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MILLER, LORNE JAMES 1930-2008

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BELCOURT

It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden passing of announce the sudden passing of William (Bill) George Belcourt of Didsbury, Alberta on May 11, 2008. He is sadly missed by his wife Nona and his six children, Tamela (Darrel) Pudar, Dwayne (Murphy) Belcourt, Stacy (Bob) Belcourt, Curtis (Terri) Belcourt, along with his 10 grandchildren, Falon, Grant, Travis.

Shawn Belcourt, Curtis (Terri) Belcourt, along with his 10 grandchildren, Falon, Grant, Travis, Matthew, Tanner, Kody, Chad, Chris and Gavin. He is also survived by his siblings, Irene, Elsie, Crissy, Donald, Linda and Edger, and numerous nieces and nephews. Bill was predeceased by his parents, George and Anne, brother Harold and sister Joyce. A celebration of Bill's life was held on May 15, 2008 in Didsbury. Donations may be made to the Alberta Diabetes Foundation, or the Canadian Diabetes Association. Canadian Diabetes Association

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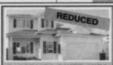
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